

Apply for funding for Projects Component under the Canadian Family Justice Fund

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Application Period

This invitational call for proposals is open from July 3, 2024 until August 16, 2024 (11:59 pm EST)

The deadline to submit the completed funding application form and the budget is August 16, 2024 (11:59 pm EST).

Description of funding

Should they be approved, activities under this funding opportunity may begin upon project approval and must end March 31, 2028, at the latest.

Non-governmental organizations and eligible organizations (see below for eligibility) are eligible for up to \$75K/yr. for project funding.

Overview

Objective

The Canadian Family Justice Fund (CFJF) facilitates access to the family justice system for families experiencing separation and divorce through various services, programs and information resources.

Projects component is designed to support provincial and territorial governments, not-for-profit organizations, associations, academic institutions and individuals in the following capacity:

- i. the development, implementation and evaluation of provincial and territorial innovative family justice services and programs;
- ii. projects/activities that inform Canadians about family law issues such as parenting arrangements and child/spousal support; or
- iii. the development of new strategies, models and tools intended to improve access to family justice.

Priorities

The Canadian Family Justice Fund has been designed to address specific priorities. Under the Projects component, a minimum of one priority, listed below, must be addressed in the application form:

Supporting Well-being of Family Members:

This priority includes activities that help support the overall well-being of family members engaging with the family justice system including:

- The emotional well-being of family members, for example so that parents understand the importance of focusing on their children's best interests in parenting matters, and/or communicating more effectively with the other parent;
- The economic well-being of family members which contributes to poverty reduction;
- The physical well-being of family members, in particular in cases of family violence.

Reaching Diverse and Underserved Populations:

This priority supports access to family justice for diverse and underserved populations such as: Indigenous communities, newcomers to Canada, Official Language minorities, individuals whose primary language is neither English nor French, and rural and northern populations.

Supporting Alternatives to Court:

This priority includes programs and services that support alternatives to court that reduce their need in family law matters, including the need for courts to adjudicate contested family law matters.

Improving and Streamlining Family Justice System Links/Processes

This priority supports the simplification of family court processes, information sharing between courts and family justice services, improved coordination with other parts of the justice system.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- individuals
- non-profit professional organizations, societies or associations
- non-profit organizations, societies or associations
- educational institutions
- private sector organizations sponsoring non-profit projects in partnership with federal, provincial, or territorial governments

Eligible Activities/Projects

The following are examples of eligible activities funded under the Canadian Family Justice Fund.

- Public Legal Education Information (PLEI) to support information and awareness of family law issues
- Professional training to support continuing education efforts for professionals and intermediaries on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, spousal and child support, and support enforcement measures.
- Innovative strategies, models or tools intended to improve access to family justice.

Steps to apply

Application Package

To apply, you must complete the Application Form, the Workplan and the Budget Form.

How we assess your application

Review Process

- Proposals will be reviewed by a departmental committee composed of representatives of relevant sections of the Department. Officials from Family Law and Youth Justice Policy Sector and the Programs Branch may consult with different sectors within the Department and, when appropriate, with other federal departments, provincial and territorial governments, and other key stakeholders in the justice system.
- Our counterparts from provincial and territorial governments will be provided with the opportunity to comment on applications received from their respective jurisdictions.

After you have applied

We will review your application and evaluate all projects against a set of assessment criteria and funding recommendations will be made for final approval.

We will communicate funding decisions to you once they have been made.

Contact Us

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